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Subject **REQUEST FOR RESCHEDULING OF THE APPEAL HEARING**

In re application of Docket No: Q65416

Akihiro GOTO , et al.

Appln. No.: 09/937,220 Group Art Unit: 1725

Confirmation No.: 6650 Examiner: Geoffrey S. EVANS

Filed: September 24, 2001

For: **ELECTRIC POWER UNIT FOR ELECTRIC DISCHARGE SURFACE
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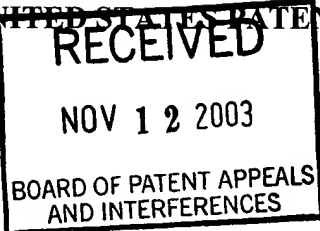
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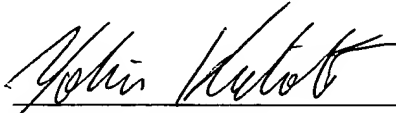
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Further, due to my heavy involvement in this case, including the instant appeal, it would be inefficient and disadvantageous to the appellant if another attorney in our office were to take on the oral hearing on the scheduled date.

In view of the above, postponement of the appeal hearing is respectfully solicited.
If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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